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AT the Court at *Kensington*, the 4th Day of *July* 1724.

PRESENT,

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

His Majeſty in Council was this Day pleaſed to order, That the Parliament which ſtands Prorogued to Thurſday the 16th of this Inſtant, ſhould be further Prorogued to Thurſday the 27th of Auguſt next.

Lisbon, June 18, *N.S.* On the 6th Inſtant the Prince of Braſil entred into the 11th Year of his Age; upon which Occaſion the King Queen and Prince received the Compliments of the Nobility, Foreign Miniſters, and other Perſons of Diſtinction, who had the Honour to kiſs their Majeſties and his Royal Highneſs's Hands. On the 7th arrived in this River a French Sloop from Havre de Grace, having on board the Domeſticks and Equipage of the Abbot de Livry Ambaſſadour from the moſt Chriſtian King; and that Ambaſſadour is ſhortly expected here himſelf, by the Way of Madrid; in the mean while the Conde de Saure's Houſe is fitting up for his Reception. On the 14th a Courier arrived here from Rome, with the News of Cardinal Orſini's being choſen Pope and having taken on him the Name of Benedict the Thirteenth: As this Cardinal was a Dominican, all the Convents of that Order celebrated the News of his Election with Rejoycings and Fireworks; and the whole City was illuminated for three Nights ſucceſſively, by his Portugueze Majeſty's Command. The 15th his Majeſty, with the two Infantes and the Body of the Nobility of the Kingdom, accompanied the Proceſſion of the Holy Sacrament, from the Patriarchal Church through the principal Streets of this City, which were magnificently adorned with Tapeſtry and other rich Hangings on that Occaſion: When his Majeſty ſet out from the Patriarchal Church, he was ſaluted with a general Diſcharge of the Guns of the Ships in the River, and the like at his Return.

Madrid, June 26, *N. S.* The 21ſt and 22d Inſtant their Catholick Majeſties viſited the Royal Convents called la Incarnacion, and las Deſcalzas Reales; the King aſſiſted at the Proceſſions which are Annually made at thoſe Convents upon thoſe Days, being attended by all the Grandees and Nobility, and walked with them, accompanying the Proceſſions through the Streets adjacent to the Convents: This being an antient Cuſtom uſed by the former Kings of Spain, and which was neglected by King Philip, the Reviving it by his preſent Majeſty is highly applauded by the People here. His Catholick Majeſty has been pleaſed to grant a Penſion of 1200 Piſtoles a Year to Don Miguel Guerra, who is one of the Cabinet Council. The Marqueſs de Santa Cruz having laid down his Employment of Mayor-Domo-Mayor to the Queen, by reaſon of his Indiſpoſition which would not allow him to attend her Majeſty, is ſucceeded by the Marqueſs de Valero who had the Reverſion of that Employment; but as he is Preſident of the Council of the Indies, he has Leave to wait only on her Majeſty on Days of publick Ceremony. The Marqueſs de Santa Cruz went Yeſterday to St. Ildefonſo, to deſire King Philip and his Queen to permit him to paſs the reſt of his Days in attending their Majeſties there, which has been granted to him. The King and Queen intend to ſet out To-Morrow early in the Morning with but very few Attendants, to pay a Viſit to their Majeſties at St. Ildefonſo, who are in perfect Health.

Navy-Office, June 26, 1724.

The Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy having appointed Wedneſday the 12th of Auguſt next, in the Morning, for coming to a new Contract with ſuch Perſons as are inclineable to Supply the Seamen ſerving in His Majeſty's Ships with the following Particulars, viz.

Jackets,	*Woollen Stockings,*
Waſtcoats,	*Woollen Gloves,*
Kerſey and Shag Breeches,	*Double Sole Shoes,*
Shirts,	*Braſs Buckles,*
Leather Caps,	*Striped Ticken Waſtcoats,*
Drawers,	*Striped Ticken Breeches,*

according to the preſent Patterns, at the cheapeſt Rates, to be paid for what ſhall be Iſſued as the Ships ſhall be paid, and to be ſubject to the Rules eſtabliſhed for Vending Cloaths on Board His Majeſty's Ships: Theſe are to give Notice thereof, that ſuch Perſons as incline to undertake the ſaid Service, may in the mean time come and view the Patterns, and inform themſelves of the ſaid Rules, in order to their Treating with us accordingly.

Stamp-Office.

The Commiſſioners for managing His Majeſty's Stamp Duties do hereby give Notice, That by a Clauſe in the Act of Parliament, for continuing the Duties on Malt, Mum, Cyder, &c. *For Relief of all Maſters and Miſtreſſes who have omitted to pay His Majeſty's Duties of* SIX PENCE IN THE POUND *for every Sum of Fifty Pounds or under, and of* TWELVE PENCE IN THE POUND *for every Sum amounting to more than Fifty Pounds Given, Paid, Contracted or Agreed for with Clerks and Apprentices, within the reſpective Times limited by the ſeveral Acts of Parliament in that Caſe made; Or who have omitted to inſert and write in Words at length in the Indentures, or other Writings, containing the Covenants and Agreements relating to the Service of ſuch Clerks or Apprentices the full Sum or Sums of Money received, or in any wiſe directly or indirectly Given, Paid, Agreed or Contracted for; All ſuch Maſters and Miſtreſſes are Acquitted and Diſcharged of and from all Penalties incurred by ſuch Omiſſions, upon Payment of the ſaid Duties on or before the Twenty Ninth Day of* September, 1724. *And for preventing the like Omiſſions for the future, the ſaid Commiſſioners do hereby further give Notice, That the Times limited by the Act of Parliament, which grants the ſaid Duties for the Payment thereof, are* ONE MONTH *after the Dates of ſuch Indentures or Contracts as are executed within*